

San Antonio, TX - Today, Congressman Charlie Gonzalez (TX-20) attended Fort Sam Houston's Memorial Service to pay tribute to the men and women who have given their lives for their country. This event allowed for reflection on the sacrifices that our military service members are prepared to make and how we care for them upon their return home.

"Veterans Day provides every single American the opportunity to show our gratitude to those who have made profound sacrifices in military service to their country," Gonzalez said. "No single day can be sufficient, however. We must demonstrate our appreciation throughout the year.

"I am tremendously proud that the House Democrats passed the largest increase in funding for veterans health care and benefits in the history of the Veterans Administration. This money will be used to hire more medical staff, conduct vital research, ensure that our existing facilities provide the best care in the world, and to build new facilities, like the polytrauma center VA will soon open in San Antonio.

"Thousands of new veterans are coming home from Iraq and Afghanistan, and 40% of them are entering into the VA healthcare system. We must make sure that they receive the care they have earned. Our warriors deserve more than hollow campaign promises. The 111th Congress and the Obama Administration must continue our work to fulfill the promise we have made to our veterans and to provide them and their families with the support they need.

"I encourage all San Antonians to take a moment today to acknowledge and celebrate the courageous sacrifice and service of all our veterans."

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